SENATE BILL No. 16

## **Introduced by Senator Gaines**

## December 3, 2012

An act to amend Section 27701 of the Government Code, relating to public defenders.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 16, as introduced, Gaines. Public defenders.

Existing law prescribes specified qualifications for a person to hold the office of public defender.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 27701 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 27701. A person is not eligible to *hold* the office of public
- 4 defender unless he *or she* has been a practicing attorney in all of
- 5 the courts of the State this state for at least the year preceding the
- 6 date of his *or her* election or appointment.